



City of Santa Barbara Infrastructure Financing Taskforce

March 6, 2008
11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Granada Garage Conference Room,
1221 Anacapa Street – 2nd Floor

City Staff Members

James L. Armstrong
City Administrator
Robert D. Peirson
Director of Finance
Paul A. Casey
Interim Director of Public Works
Jill Taura
Budget Manager
Kathy Kefauver
Administrative Analyst III
Lori Pedersen
Administrative Analyst

City Council Liaison

Roger L. Horton
Councilmember
Finance Committee, Chair

Committee Members

Richard Jensen, *Chair*
Stephen Kurtzer, *Vice-Chair*
W. Scott Burns
Robert Geis
Renee Grubb
Dudley Morris
Frank Schipper

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:51 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Members Present

Chair Richard Jensen
Vice-Chair Stephen Kurtzer
Scott Burns, Robert Geis, Renee Grubb, Dudley Morris and Frank Schipper

Staff Present

Robert D. Peirson, Finance Director
Jill Taura, Budget Manager
Kathy Kefauver, Administrative Analyst III
Lori Pedersen, Administrative Analyst II

3. Public Comments - None

L. Pedersen informed the Committee that all of the meeting information would now be available on the City's website under Other Committees, Infrastructure Financing Taskforce. She also showed the Committee members how to sign up for e-subscription so that when the agendas were posted on the web they would be notified via email.

4. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of January 23 and February 21, 2008 meeting were approved.

5. Capital Financing Alternatives – Bob Peirson

Mr. Peirson distributed information to the Committee regarding the ratings of City's Revenue Bonds from Moody's and Standard & Poor's and discussion was held regarding the rating and the risk.

6. Presentation on Municipal Revenue Sources – Bob Peirson

Mr. Peirson handed out information to the Committee regarding General Fund Revenues and talked about the totals and the adjustments that are made to reflect economic volatility.

The Committee then reviewed information regarding the City's sales, transient occupancy, property and utility tax for the last 9 years. He also explained the legal restrictions on placed on funds raised by special measures, i.e. Measure B and Measure D and the implications of Proposition 13, reassessments and borrowing by the State (i.e. the "Triple Flip").

The four sources of revenue that were discussed are:

- Development Impact Fees – minimal revenue possible in City
- .25% increase in sales tax
- General Obligation Bonds – is a weighted vote
- Assessment Districts – must be a discrete special benefit to those in the district

7. Review of Work Plan

Mr. Morris handed out a draft report outline for the Committee members to review and discuss at a future meeting.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.